

Catoctin Creek Park Rental Agreement

You, the renter, will be responsible for:

- Reading and adhering to Catoctin Creek Park “*Park Rental Rules and Procedures*”
- Leaving rental areas in the same or better condition than found
- Damages to property resulting from use
- Rule violations or acts committed by you or your guests while on park grounds. Members of your party involved in unacceptable behavior will be asked to leave immediately, or the rental will be terminated and may result in loss of deposit.

I have read and fully understand the above agreement as it relates to my rental of the Catoctin Creek Park grounds. I agree to abide by said agreement and accept full responsibility to assure that my group and I comply. I understand that Catoctin Creek Park is an environmental park and needs to be treated with due respect.

Failure to observe any of the Catoctin Creek Park Rules and Procedures, or any park regulations, may result in loss of my security deposit. The Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to exclude any group from future rentals of division facilities based on a violation of any of its rules and procedures.

Any property damage or breakage resulting from my reservation may be charged against my security deposit. If the security deposit does not cover full costs, I will be billed for the difference owed to the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation. Staff will inspect grounds prior to and after use.

I am aware that the park will be open to the public during my reserved function.

Signature of the Renter _____ Today's Date _____

Printed Name of Renter _____

Date of Rental _____ Start Time _____ End Time _____

Catoctin Creek Park Rental Rules and Procedures

Alcohol

- An Alcohol Permit must be obtained for any consumption of alcohol
- Permit holder must be 21 years or older
- Alcohol use, without a permit, will result in a possible fine and loss of security deposit.

Fires/Grills

- Any ground fire in the fire ring requires a permit. Fires in grills do not require permits. Never leave a fire unattended. All fires must be extinguished when activity is finished.

Pets

- Pets are permitted only if attended and on a leash of 9 feet or less.

Cancellations

- The Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to cancel reservations due to extreme weather conditions that might cause damage to the facilities.

Capacity

- Dependent on locations in the park, Catoctin Creek Park will accommodate up to 150 people at the event area per reservation (except by special request).

Damage

- Renter will be responsible for any damage fees incurred to the park as a consequence to their reservation.
- Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation will assess and repair damages and bill out cost to the renter. Damages may include those incurred from inclement weather.

Emergencies

- In case of emergencies, please follow the procedures posted on the bulletin board at either of the shelter kiosks or in the Nature Center.

Lost and Found

- The Division is not responsible for any personal property left in the nature center or on park grounds. You may call 301-600-1646 to inquire about lost items.

Parking

- Vehicles are only allowed on designated roads and parking lots. Any vehicles left in the park after hours are subject to being towed at owner's expense. Mini bikes, trail bikes, all terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, and any other vehicles that cannot be registered for operation on the public highways are not allowed at Catoctin Creek Park.

Rental/Personal Items

- Rental of park for weddings/parties is allowed between 4:00 p.m. and sunset, Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on the weekend. All other time accommodations may be requested by completion of a special request form.
- All rental/personal items may be delivered to the rental area no more than two hours prior to event unless approved by special request.
- All rental/personal items must be removed from rental area same day as event.
- All rental items remaining on premises past removal date will incur the additional daily rental fees for the impacted area.

Hunting/Fishing

- Killing, wounding, frightening, or capturing of wildlife is prohibited. Fishing is permitted in designated areas only and must have a MD State Fishing License.

Group Camping

- Camping is permitted by special request and only in designated areas.

Security Deposit

- A security deposit of \$400.00 will be charged along with rental fees.
- Any damages to the property that incur during the rental will be deducted from the security deposit.
- All costs for damage exceeding the security deposit will be the responsibility of the renter.
- Security deposits will be returned within 30 days from the date of the rental if no damage has been assessed.

Because of its environmental/historical nature, the following will **not** be permitted at Catoctin Creek Park:

- collecting of plants/animals, historical artifacts
- Any firearms or weapons including, bows, air guns, slingshots, and fireworks. (This does not apply to any person/s authorized by law to carry firearms in their official duties.)
- mountain biking, except by special request
- unauthorized motorized vehicles
- horses
- swimming
- boating (without a permit)
- loud music/noise
- special event tents
- metal detectors
- littering